



## **KEAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS**

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Dear Trustee Morell:

On November 29, 2011, I wrote to alert you of serious allegations of potential academic fraud in multiple representations of his own academic credentials made in various resumes and CVs prepared by President Dawood Farahi over several years. I wrote to you then so that you could begin addressing the issue at the ensuing board meeting of December 3, and I asked that you advise me, expeditiously, of what steps the Board would be taking to address this matter.

It is my understanding that the Board of Trustees did meet in private, after the adjournment of the Board's public meeting, on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. I have not received any official communication from the Board as to what, if anything, it is doing in response to these allegations. Please consider this a second formal request for notification from the Board of what steps are being initiated to address these questions of academic fraud.

Trustees may be aware that the issue has now appeared in the local newspaper the Union County Local Source. As the administration will undoubtedly attempt to blame me for the leak of this information, I wish to clarify, for the record, that I was not the source of the letter obtained by the reporter. In fact, when I was contacted by the reporter I specifically asked her to hold off on publication of the story until the Board had been given an appropriate opportunity to conduct its own investigation and respond. Earlier in the week I had made the same request to Star Ledger columnist Bob Braun upon hearing that he was investigating the story.

Despite the Board's longstanding hostility towards the Kean Federation of Teachers, the KFT has endeavored to conduct itself professionally and in good faith on this matter. I hope that you will respond in kind, for the good of the university.

Sincerely,

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